

CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORT ON PLANTS RECEIVED FROM THE F. G. A.

A few of the fruit trees, &c., received by me from the Association in its early history perished during transit. Two or three others met with accidents. Clapp's Favorite is a vigorous grower. Set fruit last two years, but it disappeared before maturity. Beurre d'Anjou pear seems less vigorous than the preceding, but has had less care. It has not fruited yet. Grime's Golden Pippin is a strong, vigorous grower, and has fruited two years. The fruit is of fair appearance, and the quality first-rate. I consider it a fine amateur variety. Glass' Seedling plum—vigorous; fruit sets badly; other varieties on all sides bear well. It has a very warm, north-easterly aspect, well protected from cold winds; perhaps its position is too warm. Has anyone else had a like experience? I have not obtained a ripe plum yet. The Downing gooseberry is the best I have of this class. Arnold's Diadem raspberry is a rampant grower, hardy, productive, and delicious. The grains of the berry separate greatly, and the berry crumbles, which is against it for market purposes. But as a garden sort it is first-rate, for with proper care of the canes one can have this excellent berry from the beginning of the raspberry season until the frost kills the foliage. Mr. Arnold's strawberry is also good, but as it has not had full justice at my hands I cannot compare its merits with those of other varieties. The Saunders raspberry received last spring has made a marvellous growth. The question of its vigor on my grounds is settled. I have said nothing of the hardiness of the varieties named, for the reason that ours is a locality yet within the precincts of the Ontario fruit belt, and therefore too genial to test any save those varieties already known to be tender.

—L. P. MORSE, *Lowville, Nelson.*

I am glad to notice the praise-worthy efforts of the Directors to please, in the list of plants proposed for choice in the annual gift to the members. I cannot help but think that if the practice is continued of giving some plant annually, that the list may be extended, for it is noticeable in your meetings how much stress is laid on the quality of the soil, the climate, and locality. It is therefore certain that the value of a plant must vary amazingly in different localities. I was much interested in a late number of your serial, especially for the valuable information afforded on grapes. In the February number there is an article giving an account of the failure of the Burnet grape, in spite of the care of a well-known practical grower. My case last summer was identical. In July last I left on a holiday trip to England, the Burnet then thriving as well as one could desire. On my return in the latter part of August my first visit in my garden was to that vine, and I was grieved to find every bunch mildewed and shrivelled, and nearly every leaf excessively scalded. A Salem vine adjoining was also affected, but not much, and I thought perhaps an early frost had caused the mischief. At all events, not seeing the beginning or progress of the mischief, I concluded to say nothing about my Burnet.

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